

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.
Shipping.

however, there was not the least doubt, and how any jury could have deliberated for half-an-hour before coming to a verdict upon the evidence it is difficult to conceive. With all respect to the jury—who, after all, gave a verdict of guilty only by a majority of six to one—the Chief Justice ventured to say that the evidence did not leave in his mind the slightest shadow of doubt as to the guilt of the prisoner, whom he sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

Now, the furnishing of false information to Government officials, particularly to the compiler of the vital statistics of the Colony, may be a very serious matter in the eyes of the law. Such misconduct, it is true, does not seriously affect the well-being of the Colony or its residents, but it is well, at the same time, that the public records should be thoroughly reliable and that the laws of the Colony enabling the compilation of these records should be enforced most rigidly. The evasion of the laws or the bare suggestion that the laws may be broken with impunity would be fatal in a Colony like Hongkong where the native population exists in preponderating numbers. Therefore, in a case similar to that tried at the Criminal Sessions, the furnishing of false information given willfully, and with intent, that the law should be vindicated by the administration of reasonably severe punishment. That is self-evident. But it is not so apparent why this offence should have been placed on the same plane with perjury and 'subject to the same pains and penalties'. In the course of his remarks to the jury, the Chief Justice said this seemed a rather indiscriminate way of allotting punishment, and that is how it will strike every one who looks at the matter in the light of common sense. Serious as is the furnishing of false information to the Registrar General, he will venture to maintain that it is as serious as perjury, and when a sentence of only three months' imprisonment is passed

by the supreme administrator or the law in this Colony upon a man whose guilty or innocent was perhaps about as certain a case as likely to occur, it may fairly be assumed that the law, after all, does not regard it so seriously as did the officials responsible for the making of the Ordinance. After careful consideration of the whole matter it does seem absurd to set the whole legal machinery in motion in order to inflict so trivial a sentence. Since the case was first brought to the notice of the police it has occupied a good deal of official attention. Valuable time has been wasted for the police, the legal advisers of the Crown, the Chief Justice and the jurors over a case which might have been adequately

Dismissed of the House of Commons. Cases of neglect, where the registration laws are concerned, can be dealt with summarily by that functionary, and he has power to inflict a term of imprisonment which would be amply sufficient to meet the majority of cases of willful false registration. Some amendment of the law in this direction would appear to be desirable.

TELEGRAMS.

[*SENT TO THE 'CHINA MAIL.'*]

(*Via Southern Line.*)

GREAT BRITAIN'S NAVAL STRENGTH.

LONDON, Nov. 17, 1893.

Mr (Gladstone) stated in the House of Commons that there need be no fear about Great Britain's distinct naval supremacy being upheld.

THE STRIKES IN THE COAL TRADE.

The mediation of the Government in the dispute between the coal mine owners and the miners has resulted in favour of the men, who are to resume work on Monday on the old terms.

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OBITUARY.

Prince Alexander of Battenberg.
Sir Robert Morier, British Ambassador to Rumania.

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INDIA'S FRONTIER.

Lord Rosebery has stated in a speech that the settlement of the Indian frontier question, wherein Russia and France are concerned, is not proceeding as favourably as could be wished.

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THE PARISH COUNCILS BILL.

An amendment to the Parish Councils Bill, proposing to enfranchise women, has been carried against the Government by a majority of 21.

(from *manila paper*).

AFFAIRS IN MELILLA.

Nov. 11.

The Envoy of the Sultan of Morocco will go shortly to Riff with the object of punishing the Moroccan tribes, but in the meantime Melilla continues shelling the enemy while the engineers continue digging the construction of the forts which the enemy were endeavouring to obstruct.

The Regiments of S. Fernando and Baboy have left for Melilla.

A general is reported to have occurred among the tribes.

The Chief of the Moroccan cavalry was killed.

Owing to continuous reverses sustained by the enemy, they are losing spirit. Some of the tribes have dispersed.

Fresh reinforcements are being sent to Melilla.

Nov. 12.

General Macias has telegraphed that he is making the last preparations for an advance. "Shelling continues."

The Prince D. Antonio leaves to-morrow for Melilla to join the expeditionary army.

The reinforcements sent to Melilla have arrived.

General Lopez Dominguez insists on

Another Brigade will shortly leave Barcelona for Melilla.

Hongkong Observatory, Nov. 20, 1892.

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